## **PATENT APPLICATION**

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		CONTINUING APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL RULE 1.53(b)						
Sir:								
Transmitted herewith	for filing under 37	7 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a						
Con	ntinuation	□ Divisional		] Continuat	ion-in-P	'art		
application of prior pending Application No. 09/630,444, filed <u>August 2, 2000</u> , which in turn is a Continuation-In-Part Application of Application No. 09/462,581 filed January 11, 2000, now abandoned, which in turn is a U.S. National Stage Application of PCT/JP99/02524 filed May 14, 1999.								
For (Title):	SUBSTRATE I MANUFACTU	FOR FORMING SPEC RING SAME	CIFIC PATTE	RN, AND M	ЕТНОГ	FOR		
By (Inventors):	Sadao KANBE,	Shunichi SEKI, Hitos	shi FUKUSHIN	AA and Hire	oshi KIC	GUCHI		
1. 🛛 A Decla	ration and Power	of Attorney is attache	d. The attache	d Declaration	on and P	ower of Atto	rney is:	
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FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE	<u>OR</u>	RATE	FEE	
BASIC FEE				\$ 385	<u>OR</u>	12.00	\$ 770	
TOTAL CLAIMS	18 - 20	= 0	x 9=	\$	<u>OR</u>	x 18	\$	
INDEP CLAIMS	16 - 3	= 13	x 43 =	\$	<u>OR</u>	x 86	\$ 1118	
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3. Check No. 151953 in the amount of \$1888.00 to cover the filing fee is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.								
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16.	$\boxtimes$	Address all future communications to:				
	<b>5</b> 3	b. Since the power does not appear in the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney, a substitute Power of Attorney is also attached.				
		a. The power appears in the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney.				
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15.	_ ⊠	certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.  The power of attorney in the application is to James A. Oliff, Registration No. 27,075,				
13. 14.		Other: This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby				
		b. Small entity status is no longer claimed.				
		a. Entitlement to small entity status is asserted.				
12.		Small entity status:				
11.	$\boxtimes$	An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.				
10.	$\boxtimes$	A Preliminary Amendment is attached. The Preliminary Amendment amends the specification to reflect the continuation data. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the application and claims canceled are identified in the listing of claims.				
9.		This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:				
8.	$\boxtimes$	The prior application is assigned of record to <u>Seiko Epson Corporation</u> , <u>Tokyo</u> , <u>Japan</u> and recorded at Reel <u>011272</u> , Frame <u>0776</u> .				
		(A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect the claim of benefit in the specification if not already present.)				
7.		No. PCT/JP99/02524.  Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No filed is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.				
	$\boxtimes$	A copy of the priority document was transmitted by the International Bureau in prior Application				
		A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is filed herewith.				
	·	The certified copy was filed in prior Application No on				
6.	$\bowtie$	Priority of foreign application(s) No. <u>10-132446</u> filed <u>May 14, 1998</u> in <u>Japan</u> is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).				

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